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Raised Bill No. 824

LCO No. 2617



Referred to Committee on HIGHER EDUCATION AND
EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT

Introduced by:
(HED)

***AN ACT REQUIRING TRAINING FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE
GOVERNING BOARDS OF THE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER
EDUCATION IN THE STATE.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2021*) (a) Not later than January 1,
2 2022, each governing board of an independent institution of higher
3 education in the state shall establish a policy requiring that each
4 member of the governing board receive instruction and training at least
5 once every four years in financial management of institutions of higher
6 education, legal and fiduciary responsibilities of a member of such
7 governing board and applicable standards for accreditation of
8 institutions of higher education and programs of higher learning.

9 (b) Not later than January 1, 2022, each independent institution of
10 higher education shall post on its Internet web site the policy established
11 by its governing board pursuant to subsection (a) of this section. Not
12 later than January 1, 2022, and every four years thereafter, each such
13 institution shall post on its Internet web site a summary of the
14 instruction and training received by the members of its governing board

15 pursuant to subsection (a) of this section.

16 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2021*) (a) Not later than January 1, 2022,
17 the Board of Regents for Higher Education and the Board of Trustees of
18 The University of Connecticut shall each adopt a policy requiring that
19 each member of said boards receive instruction and training at least
20 once every four years in (1) a board member's duties to the state and the
21 public institution of higher education governed by the board, (2) each
22 committee of the board, including, but not limited to, the executive
23 committee, and its functions, (3) professional accounting and reporting
24 standards, (4) methods for meeting the statutory, regulatory and
25 fiduciary obligations of the board, (5) the provisions of the Freedom of
26 Information Act, as defined in section 1-200 of the general statutes, (6) a
27 board member's institutional and statutory ethical responsibilities, (7)
28 the development and implementation of institutional policies, (8)
29 business operations, administration, budgeting, financing, financial
30 reporting, financial reserves and endowment managing relevant to
31 institutions of higher education, (9) student tuition, mandatory fees and
32 student debt trends, (10) oversight of planning, construction,
33 maintenance, expansion and renovation projects that impact the
34 infrastructure, physical facilities and natural environment of the public
35 institution of higher education governed by the board, (11) workforce
36 planning, strategy and investment, (12) institutional advancement,
37 including, but not limited to, philanthropic giving, fundraising
38 initiatives, alumni programming, communications and media,
39 government and public relations and community affairs, (13) student
40 welfare issues, including, but not limited to, academic studies,
41 curriculum, residence life, student governance and activities and the
42 general physical and mental well-being of students, (14) current and
43 anticipated issues in higher education, and (15) any other topics each
44 governing board deems necessary.

45 (b) Not later than January 1, 2022, each public institution of higher
46 education shall post on its Internet web site the policy established by its
47 governing board pursuant to subsection (a) of this section. Not later than
48 January 1, 2022, and every four years thereafter, each such institution

49 shall post on its Internet web site a summary of the instruction and
50 training received by the members of its governing board pursuant to
51 subsection (a) of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To require training for board members responsible for governing any institution of higher education in the state.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]